

FREE PRINTABLE WORKBOOK

Winter Beauty SOS

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A practical head-to-toe troubleshooting planner for dry skin, chapped lips, cracked hands, flaky scalp, static hair, brittle nails, and other cold-weather concerns.

SPOT

Identify the first signal, likely trigger, timing, and severity.

SOOTHE

Choose the smallest calming change instead of rebuilding everything.

SHIELD

Reduce repeat exposure with protection, moisture, and gentler habits.

INSIDE: signal maps, red-flag guidance, a dry-scalp comparison, a 48-hour reset, a 7-day tracker, and space to build a simpler winter plan.

[Read the full Winter Beauty Problems guide](#)

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How To Use This Winter Beauty SOS Planner

Use one page at a time. The goal is to identify the first useful change, not to collect a larger routine.

STEP	WHAT TO DO
1. SPOT	Where did it start? What does it feel like? When is it worse? What changed before it began?
2. SOOTHE	Pause the likely irritant. Use warm water, gentle care, appropriate moisture, or less heat and friction.
3. SHIELD	Protect the area from repeat exposure with gloves, lip care, SPF, moisturizer, conditioner, or softer fabric.

My Starting Point

Main winter concern:

Where it appears:

When it started:

What changed first:

One change to test:

ANNA'S NOTE: Change one factor at a time whenever possible. If several new products enter together, it becomes difficult to tell what helped and what caused irritation.

SEEK PROMPT HELP: Do not treat numb, waxy, white, gray, or blistered skin after cold exposure as ordinary dryness. Severe eye pain, vision changes, difficulty breathing, spreading infection, or confusion also require prompt care.

SIGNAL MAP 1

Face, Lips And Winter Makeup

Choose the row that most closely matches the first problem. Begin with the smallest helpful change.

SIGNAL	CHECK FIRST	SOOTHE	ASK FOR HELP IF
Tight after cleansing	Hot water, strong cleanser, frequent actives	Use warm water and gentler cleansing	Swelling, crusting, severe burning
Dry by midday	Moisturizer may be too light or inconsistently used	Apply an appropriate moisturizer to slightly damp skin	Persistent rash or intense itch
Red or stinging cheeks	Wind, friction, retinoids, acids, prolonged cold	Move indoors and pause products that sting	Numb, waxy, pale, or blistered skin
Chapped lips	Licking, flavor, fragrance, plumpers, wind	Use one plain balm or ointment	Repeated swelling, sores, corner cracks
Flaky makeup	Pilling layers, dry patches, very matte base	Let skincare settle and apply makeup thinly	Burning or rash beneath makeup

My Face And Lip Check

- ☐ Skin feels tight immediately after cleansing.
- ☐ A treatment burns more in winter than it did before.
- ☐ A scarf, mask, or hat rubs the irritated area.
- ☐ A lip product is flavored, fragranced, cooling, or plumping.
- ☐ Foundation is being used to cover flakes instead of addressing discomfort.

One change tonight:

Result after 24 hours:

What I will shield tomorrow:

SIGNAL MAP 2

Hands, Body And Feet

Repeated washing, friction, heavy clothing, and delayed moisturizing often matter as much as the product itself.

SIGNAL	CHECK FIRST	SOOTHE	ASK FOR HELP IF
Cracked hands	Washing, sanitizer, cleaning products, wet gloves	Cream after washing; gloves for wet work	Deep bleeding cracks, blisters, pus
Painful cuticles	Picking, cutting, detergents, repeated water exposure	Apply hand cream around nails; stop cutting irritated cuticles	Swelling, warmth, discharge
Itchy body skin	Hot showers, strong body wash, rough fabrics	Warm water; moisturize slightly damp skin	Spreading rash, severe night itch
Rough elbows or knees	Friction and inconsistent body care	Use regular moisturizer before strong exfoliation	Open sores or persistent pain
Cracked heels	Pressure, barefoot walking, thick dry skin	Thick cream or ointment; supportive socks	Infection, slow healing, reduced sensation

Protection Check

- ☐ Hand cream is available near the sink, desk, or bag.
- ☐ Protective gloves are used for dishwashing and cleaning.
- ☐ Damp gloves and socks are removed promptly.
- ☐ Body moisturizer is applied before skin becomes severely dry.
- ☐ Strong foot exfoliants are kept away from open or bleeding cracks.

FOOT SAFETY: Readers with diabetes, poor circulation, reduced sensation, infected-looking cracks, or slow-healing wounds should ask a healthcare professional before treating deep heel cracks at home.

Area needing the most protection:

Protection I can repeat daily:

SIGNAL MAP 3

Dry Scalp, Dandruff And Static Hair

A flaky scalp is not automatically dry. Identify the pattern before adding oil or another treatment.

SIGN	DRY SCALP MAY LOOK LIKE	DANDRUFF MAY LOOK LIKE
Flakes	Smaller, drier, powdery-looking	Larger, oilier, or more noticeable
Scalp feel	Tight, dry, or mildly itchy	Oily, red, scaly, or persistently itchy
Other clues	Dryness may appear elsewhere	May return around oily scalp areas or hairline
First approach	Review shampoo, heat, and irritating products	Compare an appropriate anti-dandruff option

Static And Breakage Check

- ☐ Conditioner matches the hair type and is used consistently.
- ☐ Leave-in product starts at the lengths and ends, not automatically at the roots.
- ☐ The hair dryer uses the lowest effective heat setting.
- ☐ Wet hair is handled gently and is not rubbed with a rough towel.
- ☐ Hats and scarves touching the hairline are washed regularly.
- ☐ Heavy scalp oil is not being used to treat every type of flake.

SUSHI'S NOTE: Begin with less leave-in product than seems necessary. It is easy to add another drop to dry ends, but too much can leave fine hair flat or the roots greasy.

My scalp pattern looks more like:

One hair habit to adjust:

SIGNAL MAP 4

Eyes And Nails

These concerns can look cosmetic, but unusual pain, vision changes, swelling, or color changes need appropriate professional care.

DRY, GRITTY OR WATERY EYES

Check indoor heat, wind, screens, contact lenses, eye makeup, allergies, and airflow from fans or heaters.

- ☐ Take regular screen breaks and blink fully.
- ☐ Avoid direct heater or fan airflow toward the face.
- ☐ Remove eye makeup gently and replace old eye products.
- ☐ Ask an eye professional about suitable lubricating drops.

BRITTLE, PEELING OR SPLITTING NAILS

Check repeated wetting and drying, detergents, acetone, gel removal, acrylic removal, picking, and cuticle cutting.

- ☐ Keep nails comfortably short.
- ☐ Apply hand cream around nails and cuticles.
- ☐ Use gloves for dishwashing and cleaning.
- ☐ Reduce aggressive buffing and removal methods.

EYE RED FLAGS: Eye pain, light sensitivity, injury, marked redness, discharge, sudden symptoms, or vision changes should not be managed as ordinary winter dryness.

NAIL RED FLAGS: Pain, swelling, a dark streak, thickening, nail lifting, or a change affecting only one nail should be evaluated rather than repeatedly covered with polish.

Eye exposure to reduce:

Nail habit to pause:

ACTION PLAN

The 48-Hour Winter Beauty Reset

Do not attempt to perfect every area at once. Use this reset to test the broadest, lowest-effort changes first.

TONIGHT

- ☐ Take a shorter, warm shower.
- ☐ Cleanse gently and avoid scrubbing flakes.
- ☐ Moisturize face and body while slightly damp.
- ☐ Use plain lip care plus hand or foot cream.
- ☐ Pause strong treatments and reduce dryer heat.

TOMORROW

- ☐ Notice which areas improved overnight.
- ☐ Use sunscreen on exposed skin.
- ☐ Protect lips, hands, cheeks, nose, and ears.
- ☐ Avoid introducing another unrelated product.

NEXT 7 DAYS

- ☐ Follow the one-change rule.
- ☐ Record when symptoms become worse.
- ☐ Reduce treatment nights if skin feels reactive.
- ☐ Seek help if symptoms persist or worsen.

THE ONE-CHANGE RULE: A successful reset is not the routine with the most repair products. It is the routine that identifies the trigger and restores comfort with the fewest necessary changes.

What Changed?

Improved first:

Stayed the same:

Became worse:

Next reasonable step:

Question for a professional:

TRACK PATTERNS

Seven-Day Winter Beauty Signal Tracker

Use a simple 0-5 comfort score: 0 means comfortable; 5 means severe or disruptive. Seek help rather than tracking urgent symptoms.

DAY	AREA / SIGNAL	0-5	ONE CHANGE TESTED	RESULT / NOTE
DAY 1				
DAY 2				
DAY 3				
DAY 4				
DAY 5				
DAY 6				
DAY 7				

The clearest trigger was:

The most helpful change was:

The concern that still needs attention:

BUILD THE ROUTINE

My Winter Beauty Plan

Keep what is working. Pause likely irritants. Add only what solves a clear problem.

KEEP	PAUSE	ADD ONLY IF NEEDED	ASK ABOUT

My Winter Shields

- ☐ Warm gloves for cold weather and protective gloves for wet work.
- ☐ Plain lip care plus daytime sun protection.
- ☐ Broad-spectrum sunscreen on exposed skin.
- ☐ Appropriate face and body moisturizer.
- ☐ Conditioner, lower heat, and less hair friction.
- ☐ Softer, clean fabric near reactive skin and the hairline.

My next action: _____
Review this plan again on: _____

CONTINUE LEARNING

Read The Full Guides And Trusted Resources

Use the article for detailed explanations and the related Comfort Mind Body guides for routine and product decisions.

FULL ARTICLE: [Winter Beauty Problems: Dry Skin, Chapped Lips, Static Hair And Practical Fixes](#)

BUILD A ROUTINE: [Winter Skin Care Routine: AM And PM Steps](#)

COMPARE PRODUCTS: [Winter Skin Care Products Guide](#)

Trusted Resources

[American Academy of Dermatology: Cold Weather And Your Skin](#)

[American Academy of Dermatology: Healing Dry, Chapped Lips](#)

[American Academy of Dermatology: Hand Eczema](#)

[CDC: Preventing Frostbite](#)

[Cleveland Clinic: Dry Scalp](#)

[American Academy of Ophthalmology: Dry Eye](#)

SAFETY NOTE: This workbook is for general education and does not diagnose or treat medical conditions. Stop products that cause persistent burning, swelling, hives, or blistering. Seek appropriate professional care for severe, persistent, spreading, or unusual symptoms.

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